

User Interface - Bug #2854

Bug # 2677 (New): fix drawing and functional differences between P2J GUI and 4GL GUI

scrollbar buttons don't draw the pressed state

11/16/2015 03:27 PM - Greg Shah

Status:	Closed	Start date:	
Priority:	Normal	Due date:	
Assignee:	Eugenie Lyzenko	% Done:	100%
Category:		Estimated time:	0.00 hour
Target version:	GUI Support for a Complex ADM2 App	case_num:	
billable:	No	version:	
vendor_id:	GCD		
Description			

History

#1 - 11/16/2015 03:28 PM - Greg Shah

In the Swing client, ./combo_box/combo_box9_1.p can be used to see the problem. This is only a button drawing issue. The drop-down box does scroll in response to the button presses. The issue is that the scrollbar buttons don't animate their drawing of a pressed and then released button. The button always draws in the released state.

#2 - 11/16/2015 03:38 PM - Hynek Cihlar

There is another problem with GUI button pressed state and possibly related. When button is pressed in ALERT-BOX (and possibly elsewhere) and mouse is moved while holding button down, the button down draw state changes to button up. Tested in Swing GUI task branch 2677a.

#3 - 11/24/2015 09:32 AM - Greg Shah

- Assignee set to Eugenie Lyzenko

#4 - 11/24/2015 06:15 PM - Eugenie Lyzenko

- File evl_upd20151124b.diff added

The changes for review to fix. We need to use repaint() for pressing state. In drop-down based combo-box the special event processing loop stops proper scroll bar screen synchronization. Also is this change I have fixed the pressed state drawing for drop-down button in combo-box widget itself.

#5 - 11/24/2015 06:28 PM - Eugenie Lyzenko

The point #2 is still under resolution. Be ready later today.

#6 - 11/24/2015 08:09 PM - Eugenie Lyzenko

- File evl_upd20151124c.diff added

This is the change for review to note #2 resolution.

I have found another deviation with 4GL. When press and hold the mouse key on SB button the scrolling is turned to auto-scroll mode, content receive the scroll events permanently until the mouse become released. In P2J it is not implemented. Do we need to have this feature now?

#7 - 11/24/2015 09:45 PM - Eugenie Lyzenko

- File evl_upd20151124d.diff added

This is implementation for auto-scroll mode as reaction to press and hold the mouse on scrollbar button.

#8 - 11/25/2015 07:32 AM - Greg Shah

Code Review evl_upd20151124d.diff

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Constantin: please review.

#9 - 11/25/2015 08:22 AM - Constantin Asofiei

Greg Shah wrote:

Code Review evl_upd20151124d.diff

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Greg, I don't think this logic can be duplicated on the JS-side yet (as it is pretty complex). The code looks OK, but:

1. in the Web client, there is a small flash (on the scrollbar, I guess from redrawing) on initial button down of a drop-down's scroll button; otherwise the Web client responds OK.
2. the ScrollBarGuiButtonImpl.up field needs to be made volatile
3. both ScrollBarGuiImpl.mouseInputExecutor and ScrollBarGuiButton.mouseInputExecutor need to be stopped, when the widget is destroyed (otherwise there will be a thread leak).

#10 - 11/25/2015 08:43 AM - Greg Shah

Eugenie: please resolve items 2 and 3 from Constantin's feedback.

I'll add a task for the web client flashing issue.

#11 - 11/25/2015 09:04 AM - Hynek Cihlar

Eugenie Lyzenko wrote:

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#12 - 11/25/2015 09:13 AM - Hynek Cihlar

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In any case, the event click should be dispatched on the main thread, otherwise this is a potential race condition. Also any thread-local storage would not work. See how this is done in `ScrollBarGuiImpl.mousePressed()`.

#13 - 11/25/2015 09:17 AM - Eugenie Lyzenko

- File `evl_upd20151125a.diff` added

Greg Shah wrote:

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Done with `evl_upd20151125a.diff`, please review.

#14 - 11/25/2015 09:23 AM - Eugenie Lyzenko

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No we can't. Because mouse remains pressed during this process. No mouse release event.

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This is not repeating clicks. This is repeating reaction to click. There is a difference.

#15 - 11/25/2015 11:59 AM - Greg Shah

Code Review evl_upd20151125a.diff

I'm OK with the changes.

Hynek/Constantin: do you have any remaining concerns?

#16 - 11/25/2015 12:07 PM - Constantin Asofiei

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#17 - 11/25/2015 12:22 PM - Hynek Cihlar

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#18 - 11/25/2015 04:19 PM - Eugenie Lyzenko

- File `evl_upd20151125b.diff` added

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Agree, it should not be static if we want to stop it. Changed.

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#20 - 11/25/2015 05:01 PM - Eugenie Lyzenko

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The unprotected resources accessed by both threads are not limited to a container.

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#22 - 11/25/2015 06:06 PM - Eugenie Lyzenko

- File `evl_upd20151125c.diff` added

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#23 - 11/26/2015 02:46 AM - Hynek Cihlar

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#24 - 11/26/2015 03:34 AM - Eugenie Lyzenko

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This will cause the scrolling will not be visible. So this is the key point. The posting event approach ensures the events will be handled sequentially in addition to all other events are possibly coming.

#25 - 11/26/2015 03:43 AM - Hynek Cihlar

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#26 - 11/26/2015 08:08 AM - Eugenie Lyzenko

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#28 - 11/26/2015 09:37 AM - Eugenie Lyzenko

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Interesting, this works for me fine. I have applied `evl_upd20151125c.diff`, removed `eventDrawingBracket()` and used `ThinClient.postOSEvent()` to post the scroll event. When I press left mouse button and hold the scroll bar is continuously scrolling.

Can you attach your diff?

#30 - 11/26/2015 12:13 PM - Hynek Cihlar

Btw., the same problem is in `ScrollBarGuiImpl.mousePressed()`. `EventManager.postEvent()` must be replaced with `ThinClient.postOSEvent()`. Eugenie, will you please update this as well?

#31 - 11/26/2015 02:36 PM - Eugenie Lyzenko

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OK.

You are right, the `ThinClient.postOSEvent()` works fine. Previously I used `EventManager.postOSEvent()` and it was problematic.

After I'll refresh 2677b put new diff here.

#32 - 11/26/2015 03:11 PM - Eugenie Lyzenko

- File `evl_upd20151126a.diff` added

This is the updated diff for review.

#33 - 11/26/2015 03:25 PM - Hynek Cihlar

Eugenie Lyzenko wrote:

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Greg, Hynek, Constantin,

So can I commit this into 2677b?

#35 - 11/27/2015 09:21 AM - Greg Shah

We know there are some regressions in the GUI testcases for 2677b. Let's see how significant these are before we decide if this will be checked in to 2677b.

#36 - 11/27/2015 01:06 PM - Greg Shah

Go ahead and check these into 2677b.

#37 - 11/27/2015 01:16 PM - Eugenie Lyzenko

The evl_upd20151125a.diff has been committed in 2677b as 10977.

#38 - 11/27/2015 02:10 PM - Greg Shah

- % Done changed from 0 to 100
- Status changed from New to Closed

#39 - 11/16/2016 12:12 PM - Greg Shah

- Target version changed from Milestone 12 to GUI Support for a Complex ADM2 App

Files

evl_upd20151124b.diff	2.55 KB	11/24/2015	Eugenie Lyzenko
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